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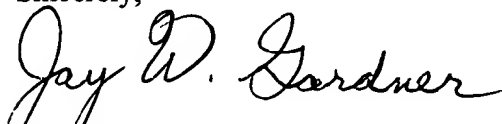
In response to the letter (copy enclosed in appendix) dated March 5, 2004, please find enclosed, a check in the amount of \$301.00. Also enclosed, my response to detailed action, mailed 4/29/03, with formatting changes to comply with the "Sample Format for Revised Amendment Practice", offered on the United States Patent and Trademark Office internet web site in file formatrevamdtprac.pdf. The content of my response has not changed since its 4/29/03 mailing date. Reference information is as follows:

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Filing date:	6/7/2001
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The response is followed by a clean set of claims from 1 to 52. My assumption is that this clean set of claims would be more easily scanned for final patent issuance. If use of the claims labeled (original) and (new) are preferred, then this last set of clean claims in the appendix may be considered extraneous.

If prosecution of the application can be expedited by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 978-689-9657. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Jay W. Gardner

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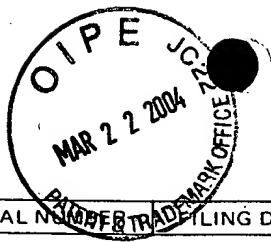
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